

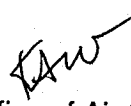
Department of Environmental Management

Indianapolis

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Date: March 27, 2006

To: Interested Parties

From: Kathryn Watson 
Branch Chief, Office of Air Quality

Subject: 8 Hour Ozone Redesignation Petition and Maintenance Plan for
St. Joseph/Elkhart Counties.

At the conclusion of the 2005 ozone season, all monitors within St. Joseph and Elkhart counties measured air quality that meets the ambient air quality standard for ozone. Therefore, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) has prepared a draft redesignation petition and maintenance plan for St. Joseph and Elkhart counties in association with the eight-hour air quality standard for ozone. IDEM plans to submit the redesignation petition and maintenance plan to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and formally request that St. Joseph and Elkhart counties be redesignated to attainment and classified as "maintenance" under the 8-hour air quality standard for ozone. IDEM is making available a draft of this document for public review and comment beginning March 28, 2006.

IDEM has scheduled a public hearing concerning the draft redesignation petition and maintenance plan for Thursday, April 27, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. (local time) in the St. Joseph County Public Library, Humphreys Room, 304 South Main Street, South Bend, Indiana. Written comments may also be submitted to IDEM, but must be received by Wednesday, May 3, 2006. Comments may be faxed to (317) 233-5967, to the attention of Kathryn Watson, and mailed comments should be addressed to:

St. Joseph/Elkhart Redesignation Petition and Maintenance Plan
Kathryn Watson, Chief
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The draft document also is available on IDEM's web site (<http://www.in.gov/idem/air/redesignations>), or may be reviewed and copied at the following locations:

- Indiana Department of Environmental Management, Office of Air Quality, Indiana Government Center North, 100 North Senate, Room N1003, Indianapolis, Indiana.
- Mishawaka-Penn-Harris Public Library, 209 Lincoln Way East, Mishawaka, Indiana
- St. Joseph County Public Library, 304 South Main Street, South Bend, Indiana
- Elkhart Public Library, 300 South Second Street, Elkhart, Indiana.
- Goshen Public Library, 601 South 5th Street, Goshen, Indiana
- Northern Regional Office, 220 West Colfax Avenue, Suite 200, South Bend, Indiana